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SUBJECT: IGG ON LEAST DEVELOPED - TEXT OF FINAL RESOLUTIONS AND GROUP
B STATEMENT ON RESERVATIONS.

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY IGG ON
RECONVENING OF GROUP:

QUOTE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

RECALLING THAT THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND
DEVELOPMENT IN RESOLUTION 80 (III) ADOPTED ON 20 MAY 1972, INVITED
THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO CONSIDER SETTING UP, AS ITS SUB-
SIDIARY ORGAN, AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP, WITH APPROPRIATE
SECRETARIAL SERVICES, TO BE ENTRUSTED WITH THE FORMULATION,
DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF POLICIES AND MEASURES
IN FAVOUR OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
AND TO DETERMINE ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE,

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RECALLING FURTHER THAT THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD IN RESO-

LUTION 119 (XIV) DECIDED TO CONVENE WITHIN UNCTAD AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP, OPEN TO GOVERNMENTS OF ALL STATES MEMBERS OF UNCTAD, HAVING EXAMINED PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES IN FAVOUR OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO HAVE A FOCAL POINT WITHIN UNCTAD FOR ACTION IN AN INTEGRATED WAY ON PROBLEMS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. RECOMMENDS TO THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO RECONVENE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, AND UNDER THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AS SPECIFIED IN BOARD RESOLUTION 119 (XIV). UNQUOTE

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY IGG ON CDP RECOMMENDATION FOR INCLUSION OF FOUR ADDITIONAL STATES IN LEAST DEVELOPED CATEGORY:

QUOTE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

BEARING IN MIND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2768 (XXVI) OF 18 NOVEMBER 1971 ON IDENTIFICATION OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

RECALLING ALSO TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD RESOLUTION 82 (XI) OF 18 SEPTEMBER 1971,

RECALLING FURTHER UNCTAD RESOLUTION 62 (III) OF 19 MAY 1972, NOTING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AT ITS ELEVENTH SESSION,

RECOMMENDS TO THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO ENDORSE THE ADDITION OF BANGLADESH, THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN AND GAMBIA TO THE LIST OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND TO RECOMMEND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO APPROVE THIS ADDITION. UNQUOTE

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF IGG RESOLUTION ON SPECIAL MEASURES TO BE TAKEN IN FAVOR OF LEAST DEVELOPED:

QUOTE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES,

BEARING IN MIND RESOLUTION 119 (XIV) OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD,

RECALLING IN RESOLUTION 62 (III) OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY ON 19 MAY 1972, ON SPECIAL MEASURES IN FAVOUR OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

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RECALLING ALSO UNCTAD RESOLUTION 63 (III) ON OTHER SPECIAL MEASURES RELATED TO THE PARTICULAR NEEDS OF THE LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES,

AND NOTING THE RELEVANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE NEEDS OF THE LAND-LOCKED LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES,

RECALLING FURTHER RESOLUTIONS 3201 (S-VI) AND 3202 (S-VI) ON THE DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER, ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS

SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION,

RECALLING ARTICLE 25 OF THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES
OF STATES,

TAKING NOTE OF DECISION 30 (LVII) ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL COUNCIL ON 2 AUGUST 1974 ON SPECIAL MEASURES IN FAVOUR OF
THE LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

RECALLING THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY OF THE SECOND UNI-
TED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE, ADOPTED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

2626 (XXV) OF 24 OCTOBER 1970 IN WHICH, INTER ALIA, PROVISION
IS MADE FOR SPECIAL MEASURES IN FAVOUR OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED
AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THEIR CAPACITY
TO BENEFIT FULLY AND EQUITABLY FROM THE POLICY MEASURES OF THE
DECADE.

FULLY AWARE OF THE GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES OF INCREASED CO-OPERATION AMONG THEMSELVES AND BETWEEN
THEMSELVES AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

RECOGNIZING THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS A PARTICULAR
RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSIST THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN ALL THEIR
EFFORTS ALTHOUGH THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT
RESTS UPON THEMSELVES,

CONSCIOUS THAT THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FACE PARTICULARLY
SEVERE CONSTRAINTS TO DEVELOPMENT,

NOTING FURTHER THAT IN THE EARLY 1970S THE AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH
RATE OF PER CAPITA REAL PRODUCT OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
AS A GROUP WAS ONLY 0.6 PER CENT AS AGAINST THE TARGET OF 3.5
PER CENT OF THE STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE, AS
INDICATED IN DOCUMENT TD/B/AC.17/3, PART I,

NOTING ALSO THAT EXPORT PURCHASING POWER PER CAPITA OF THE LEAST
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ACTUALLY DETERIORATED IN THE EARLY PART OF
THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE,

NOTING THE PROGRESS MADE BY SOME BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL DONORS
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IN INCREASING THE VOLUME AND IMPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF
THEIR AID FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, BUT CONSIDERING THAT
THE SPECIAL MEASURES IN FAVOUR OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
IN THE FIELD OF TRADE POLICY HAVE NOT BEEN SATISFACTORILY
IMPLEMENTED AND THAT THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THESE COUNTRIES
IS FAR BELOW THE FLOW NECESSARY TO ENABLE THEM TO ATTAIN THE GROSS
NATIONAL PRODUCT GROWTH RATE CALLED FOR IN THE INTERNATIONAL DEVEL-
OPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE,

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NOTING ALSO THAT THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO INITIATE MORE EFFECTIVE

COMMERCIAL POLICY MEASURES IN FAVOUR OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TO PROVIDE GREATER FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FLOWS, UNDER MORE FAVOURABLE AND FLEXIBLE NORMS THAN IN THE PAST, TO THESE COUNTRIES SO AS TO OVERCOME THE STRUCTURAL BOTTLENECKS AND TO GENERATE THE REQUIRED LEVELS OF GROWTH RATES OF THEIR ECONOMIES,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE ASSISTANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF FINLAND TO UNCTAD IN SUPPORT OF THE STUDY SUMMARIZED IN TD/B/AC.17/MISC.1, "AN ASSESSMENT OF CONSTRAINTS TO DEVELOPMENT AND THE ROLE OF EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE IN THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES",

NOTING THE ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARIAT OF UNCTAD IN DOCUMENT TD/B/AC.17/2,

A. TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

I. URGES

1. THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ENDEAVOUR TO ACHIEVE THE 0.7 PER CENT TARGET FOR OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE, AS ESTABLISHED IN THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE, AND IN SO DOING TO

ENDEAVOUR TO ENSURE THAT THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ARE AMONG THE HIGHEST PRIORITY RECIPIENTS OF SUCH FLOWS. THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

SHOULD ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ANY CHANGE IN THE PURCHASING POWER OF THEIR OWN CURRENCIES WHEN FIXING FUTURE BUDGETARY REQUESTS FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.

2. THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS TO INCREASE THEIR ASSISTANCE TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN AREAS OF HIGH NATIONAL PRIORITIES.

3. DEVELOPED MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES, SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE AND OTHERS IN A POSITION TO DO SO, AS WELL AS MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES, TO PROVIDE FULL FUTURE ASSISTANCE IN THE FORMS OF GRANTS AND HIGHLY CONCESSIONAL FORMS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

4. DEVELOPED MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES, SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE AND OTHERS IN A POSITION TO DO SO, AS WELL AS MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES, TO FINANCE LOCAL COSTS OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WHEREVER APPROPRIATE.

5. DEVELOPED MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES, SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE AND OTHERS IN A POSITION TO DO SO, AS WELL AS MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES, TO PROVIDE WHERE APPROPRIATE FINANCING OF RECURRENT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ON-GOING PROJECTS AND AFTER THEIR COMPLETION, INCLUDING MAINTENANCE COSTS, DURING AN APPROPRIATE PHASING-OUT PERIOD.

6. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO GIVE IMMEDIATE AND FAVOURABLE CONSIDERATION TO PROVIDING HIGHLY CONCESSIONAL TERMS OF RELIEF FOR THE DEBT PROBLEMS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHERE THEY ARISE, ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

7. THE DONOR COUNTRIES TO CONTINUE TO REDUCE, WITH THE FINAL OBJECTIVE OF ELIMINATING ALL FORMS OF AID-TYING FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

8. DEVELOPED MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES, SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE AND OTHERS IN A POSITION TO DO SO, AS WELL AS MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES, TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE, WHERE APPROPRIATE, FINANCIAL COUNTERPART REQUIREMENTS IN CONNEXION WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS IN THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

9. DEVELOPED MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES, SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE AND OTHERS IN A POSITION TO DO SO, AS WELL AS MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES, TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING, PLANNING AND PREPARING BOTH FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHEN SUCH ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED.

10. DEVELOPED MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES, SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE AND OTHERS IN A POSITION TO DO SO, AS WELL AS MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES, TO ASSIST IN CARRYING OUT FEASIBILITY AND PRE-INVESTMENT SURVEYS AND POST-IMPLEMENTATION REVIEWS IN THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHEN SUCH ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED.

11. THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE TO EXPAND AND INTENSIFY THEIR TRADE AND ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND ASSISTANCE ARRANGE-

MENTS WITH THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

12. GOVERNMENTS OF DEVELOPED MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE AND OTHERS IN A POSITION TO DO SO, AND MULTILATERAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO GIVE HIGH PRIORITY IN PROVIDING FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TOWARD THE CREATION OF INTEGRATED PROJECTS AIMED AT EXPANDING THE EXPORTS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR PLANS.

13. DEVELOPED MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES, SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE AND OTHERS IN A POSITION TO DO SO, AS WELL AS MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES, TO PROVIDE URGENTLY NEEDED TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO IMPROVE MOBILIZATION OF DOMESTIC RESOURCES (I.E. HIGHER SAVINGS RATES, IMPROVE TAX ADMINISTRATION AND FISCAL MECHANISMS, STRENGTHENED INSTITUTIONS FOR MOBILIZING SAVINGS, ETC.) IN THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND TO SUPPLEMENT THEIR VERY LIMITED ABILITY TO MOBILIZE RESOURCES BY PROVIDING TECHNICAL AND OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR PLANS.

II. REQUESTS THE BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL DONOR AGENCIES TO COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ENSURING THAT AT LEAST A MINIMUM FLOW OF ASSISTANCE EQUAL TO THE AVERAGE FOR ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON A PER CAPITA BASIS IS PROVIDED TO EACH LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRY.

III. REQUESTS BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL AID AGENCIES TO ADOPT MORE FLEXIBLE PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA IN EXAMINING PROJECTS FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THEIR SPECIAL SITUATION.

IV. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD, IN COLLABORATION WITH UNDP AND OTHER COMPETENT BODIES, TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF CONVENING SPECIAL MEETINGS AT WHICH MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGENCIES CAN CARRY OUT, TOGETHER WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES THEMSELVES, UNCLASSIFIED

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A GENERAL REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF THEIR REQUIREMENTS AND PROGRESS AND OF THE PROBLEMS ARISING IN THE CO-ORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES ON BOTH THE DONOR AND THE RECIPIENT SIDE.

V. INVITES GOVERNMENTS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN CO-OPERATION WITH UNDP, TO CONSIDER CONVENING, AT REGIONAL OR COUNTRY LEVEL AS APPROPRIATE, MEETINGS WITH ALL DONORS CONCERNED, MULTILATERAL OR BILATERAL, TO REVIEW AND ASSESS THE ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS, CURRENT PROGRAMMES AND POLICY DIRECTIVES WITH A VIEW TO DRAWING UP LISTS OF ADDITIONAL PROJECTS. WHERE NECESSARY THE UNDP OFFICIALS SHOULD ESTABLISH MULTI-SECTORAL TEAMS, DRAWN FROM ALL APPROPRIATE SOURCES, TO ASSIST IN THIS REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT. THESE MEETINGS SHOULD REVIEW, AS WELL, PROBLEMS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PRESENT PROJECTS WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING IMPROVED COLLABORATION AMONG

DONORS AND RECIPIENT GOVERNMENTS IN THE CO-ORDINATION OF PROJECT
AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION.

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VI. CALLS UPON THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO SUBMIT AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE A PROPOSAL TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON CO-
ORDINATION FOR THE CREATION OF A SUB-COMMITTEE OR OTHER APPRO-
PRIATE MECHANISM OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON CO-ORDINATION
TO REVIEW AND CO-ORDINATE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL THE UNITED NATIONS
SYSTEM'S ACTION AND PROGRAMMES, SO AS TO IMPROVE CO-ORDINATION AND
TO ENSURE GREATER EMPHASIS ON THE PROBLEMS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES BY THE AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THEIR PROGRAMMES
AND POLICIES.

VII. RECOMMENDS TO THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO INVITE THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTIETH SESSION TO TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT
THE STRONG DESIRE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, EXPRESSED AT THE MEETING

OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES,
TO ESTABLISH IMMEDIATELY A SPECIAL FUND FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES, AND ALSO TO TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED
BY MEMBER COUNTRIES IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS FIFTH-

SEVENTH SESSION.

B. LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
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REQUESTS THE TRANSIT COUNTRIES, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES TO GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO THE EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES FOR LEAST DEVELOPED LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES CONTAINED IN CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 63 (III).

C. ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
REQUESTS

1. THE MORE INDUSTRIALIZED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE TO IMPORTS OF GOODS PRODUCED BY THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES;
2. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHO ARE IN A POSITION TO DO SO TO PROVIDE INCREASED FLOWS OF TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES;
3. THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO CONSIDER SETTING UP COMMITTEES FOR INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATION WITH A VIEW TO EXAMINING AND SOLVING THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN THIS RESPECT.

D. DIRECTIONS OF FUTURE WORK

1. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO STRENGTHEN, IN CO-OPERATION WITH APPROPRIATE AGENCIES, THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES OF UNCTAD IN THE PLANNING AND POLICIES OF THE FOREIGN TRADE SECTOR OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND IN OTHER SPECIFIC AREAS OF UNCTAD COMPETENCE ON BEHALF OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

2. INVITES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD, TAKING ACCOUNT OF WORK BEING DONE IN THE ITC AND OTHER PERTINENT ORGANIZATIONS, TO MAKE ADEQUATE PROVISION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN ORIENTATION OF UNCTAD'S WORK PROGRAMME ALONG THE LINES PROPOSED IN TD/B/AC.17/2, PART IV, AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD THEREON.

3. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO PROPOSE TO THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD THE CONVENING, AS NECESSARY, OF GROUPS OF EXPERTS FOR IMPLEMENTING SPECIFIC PARTS OF THE WORK PROGRAMME,

E. COMMERCIAL POLICY, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND SHIPPING MEASURES
IN ADDITION, THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP DECIDES, SINCE IT WAS UNABLE TO GIVE FULL CONSIDERATION TO THIS MATTER, TO RECOMMEND TO THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND OTHER COMPETENT COMMITTEES OF UNCTAD, AS APPROPRIATE, TO GIVE CONSIDERATION AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY, TO THE FOLLOWING MEASURES PROPOSED BY THE GROUP OF 77 IN FAVOUR OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND INVITES
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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO TRANSMIT THE COMMERCIAL POLICY
PART TO THE GATT:

COMMERCIAL POLICY MEASURES

I. RECOMMENDS

1. ALLOCATION OF QUOTAS TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN COMMODITY
AGREEMENTS IN A FLEXIBLE AND FAVOURABLE MANNER DESIGNED TO ENSURE
THE OPTIMAL MARKETING OF THEIR PRODUCTION OF SUCH COMMODITIES IN ORDER

TO INCREASE THEIR FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS, BEARING IN MIND THE
CHARACTERISTICS PECULIAR TO EACH PRODUCT, WHILE ENSURING THAT
THE INTERESTS OF THE OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE NOT INJURED
OR PREJUDICED IN ANY MANNER.

2. A SPECIAL PROVISION INCLUDING EXEMPTION FROM FINANCIAL CONTRI-
BUTIONS TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEEDS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
IN ANY FUTURE INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR COMMODITIES.

3. EXTENSION OF GSP TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN BOTH PROCESSED
AND NON-PROCESSED FORM OF EXPORT INTEREST TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES.

4. PENDING THE COMPLETE REMOVAL OF TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS
FOR ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THE IMMEDIATE AND COMPLETE REMOVAL
OF SUCH BARRIERS INCLUDING CEILINGS, QUOTAS AND SAFEGUARD CLAUSES
SPECIFICALLY FOR PRODUCTS OF PRESENT AND POTENTIAL EXPORT INTEREST
TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

5. LIBERALIZATION OF THE RULES OF ORIGIN IN RESPECT OF PRODUCTS
OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

6. MULTILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS SUCH AS THE IMF'S COMPENSATORY FINANCING
ARRANGEMENT FOR EXPORT SHORTFALLS, SHOULD PROVIDE FOR LESS
EXACTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

7. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD ASSIST THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN
A CO-ORDINATED MANNER FROM PLANNING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSPORTATION
STAGES TO THE STAGE OF ENSURING SALES OF THEIR PRODUCTS AT REMUNERATIVE

PRICES.

II. REQUESTS THE PREFERENCE-GIVING COUNTRIES TO FORMULATE SUCH
MODALITIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GSP AS TO FAVOUR, IN PARTI-
CULAR, THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

III. RECOMMENDS THAT THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD BE GRANTED
SPECIAL TREATMENT IN THE EARLY PHASE OF THE MTN, GIVING PRIORITY TO
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TROPICAL PRODUCTS BOTH IN THEIR NATURAL AND PROCESSED FORMS WITHIN
THE CONTEXT OF THE TOKYO DECLARATION.

IV. REQUESTS GOVERNMENTS OF DEVELOPED MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES AND
SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE:

1. TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM GUARANTEES OF A REASONABLE LEVEL OF SALES OF THE PRODUCTS OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.
2. TO GIVE FAVOURABLE TREATMENT, IN THE CASE OF GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT, TO IMPORTS FROM THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

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V. RECOMMENDS THAT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARRANGEMENTS UNDER THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR COMMODITIES AND IN OTHER MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS AFFECTING THE IMPORTS OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES,

EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO REDUCE THE BURDEN OF IMPORT COSTS ON THESE COUNTRIES THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONCESSION PRICE ARRANGEMENTS, OR ESPECIALLY FAVOURABLE FINANCING TERMS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ESSENTIAL IMPORTS.

TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

RECOMMENDS THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

1. ASSIST THE INSTITUTIONS OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO OBTAIN UNDER PREFERENTIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND AT A MINIMUM COST THE RESULTS OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS APPROPRIATE TO THEIR REQUIREMENTS.
2. IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THE TECHNOLOGICAL AND NEGOTIATING WEAKNESSES OF THESE COUNTRIES, ASSIST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRANSFER OF

TECHNOLOGY CENTRES DESIGNED TO OBTAIN NECESSARY TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION, SELECT FROM AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVES AND NEGOTIATE PROPER TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR EXTERNAL COLLABORATION.
3. MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE GRANT OF PATENTED, PATENTED-RELATED
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AND NON-PATENTED TECHNOLOGIES, INCLUDING KNOW-HOW, SUITED TO THE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.
4. PROVIDE THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE FOR ESTABLISHING INSTITUTIONS OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY WITH THE AIM OF DEVELOPING INDIGENOUS TECHNOLOGIES AND PROMOTING THE ADAPTATION OF IMPORTED TECHNOLOGIES TO NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.
5. IN ORDER TO COMPENSATE FOR THE REVERSE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY THROUGH BRAIN DRAIN FROM THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, NOW AMOUNT TO SEVERAL BILLION DOLLARS, MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROVISION TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, ON A COST-FREE BASIS SKILLED MAN-POWER SUITED TO THE REQUIREMENTS OR ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

SHIPPING AND PROMOTIONAL FREIGHT RATES
REQUESTS

1. THAT GOVERNMENTS OF DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INVITE SHIPOWNERS AND LINER CONFERENCES TO ESTABLISH FREIGHT TARIFFS FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHICH WILL ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST IN EXPANDING

THE EXPORT AND IMPORT TRADE OF THESE COUNTRIES, AND TO DEVELOP PROMOTIONAL RATES FOR THE NON-TRADITIONAL EXPORTS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHICH WILL FACILITATE OPENING NEW MARKETS AND DEVELOPING NEW TRADE FLOWS.

2. THAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS GIVE HIGH PRIORITY IN THE FINANCE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN ASSISTING THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ACQUIRE AND EXPAND NATIONAL MERCHANT FLEETS. UNQUOTE

4. FOLLOWING IS GROUP B STATEMENT OF RESERVATIONS MADE FOR THE RECORD AT FINAL SESSION OF PLENARY OF IGG:

QUOTE WITH HARD WORK THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP HAS REACHED GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THE TEXTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF MEASURES FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. IN SOME RESPECTS THE RESOLUTIONS GO BEYOND POSITIONS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO ALL GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED HERE AND ON WHICH THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY MADE INTERPRETATIVE COMMENT.

GROUP B IN GIVING ITS GENERAL SUPPORT TO THE RESOLUTION
L.7 BEFORE US CONSIDERS THAT IT WOULD BE BOTH HELPFUL
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AND DESIRABLE TO GIVE DEFINITION TO THOSE ASPECTS OF THE PRESENT RESOLUTION ON WHICH ITS MEMBERS HAVE QUALIFICATIONS. GROUP B'S PURPOSE IN MAKING THIS STATEMENT IS NOT ONLY TO MEET THE OFFICIAL OBLIGATIONS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO REITERATE THE POSITIONS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, BUT ALSO TO GIVE FULL GUIDANCE TO THOSE WHO WILL CARRY THIS RESOLUTION FORWARD AT A LATER DATE.

GENERALLY, GROUP B RECOGNIZES THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF LEAST-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THEIR PARTICULAR NEEDS. AN EXAMINATION OF PERFORMANCE WITH REGARD TO THE SPECIAL MEASURES FOR LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES REVEALS SOME AREAS OF ACHIEVEMENT AS WELL AS AREAS WHERE PERFORMANCE DID NOT MEET THE OBJECTIVES OF THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS.

TAKING THE RELEVANT PARAGRAPHS OF THE PRESENT RESOLUTION IN ORDER:

A I 1 IN RESPECT OF THE FIRST PART OF THIS PARAGRAPH ALL GROUP B MEMBERS ACCEPT THAT OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE INCREASED. WHILE SOME MEMBERS OF GROUP B - NOTABLY THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY AND SWEDEN - HAVE ACCEPTED THE TARGET AND TARGET DATE FOR OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND MOST MEMBERS HAVE ACCEPTED THE TARGET BUT NOT THE DATE - SOME HAVE NOT BEEN IN A POSITION TO ACCEPT EITHER THE TARGET OR THE DATE. THESE POSITIONS TAKEN BY GROUP B MEMBERS IN RESPECT OF THE TARGET AND DATE REMAIN UNCHANGED.

IN REGARD TO THE SECOND PART OF THIS PARAGRAPH GROUP B MEMBERS INTERPRET THIS PARAGRAPH WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE PREROGATIVES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PARLIAMENTS.

A IV IN RESPECT OF THIS PARAGRAPH, MOST GROUP B MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO SOUND A CAUTIONARY NOTE ON THE DEMANDS OF TOO MANY MEETINGS WITH THE RISK OF DUPLICATION OF WORK.

A VII ALL GROUP B MEMBERS EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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THEY ARE NOT IN FAVOUR OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SPECIAL FUND, NOTING IN THIS REGARD THAT EXISTING MULTILATERAL AID AGENCIES ALREADY PROVIDE CHANNELS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LEAST DEVELOPED

COUNTRIES.

A I 7 WHILE SOME MEMBERS OF GROUP B HAVE ALREADY
UNTIED THEIR AID, IN THE VIEW OF OTHER MEMBERS,
UNTYING THEIR AID IS DEPENDENT, INTER ALIA, ON
A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF OTHER MEMBERS ALSO BEING
READY TO DO SO.

WE SHOULD LIKE TO NOTE THAT THE GROUP B IN AGREEING TO
SECTION E OF L/7 (TEXT CONTAINED PARA 3 ABOVE)
BELIEVES THAT THE CONCERNS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
PARTICULARLY THE LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG THEM, SHOULD BE
GIVEN THOROUGH CONSIDERATION IN THE APPROPRIATE FORA.
HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE ENDORSEMENT BY THE
MEMBERS OF GROUP B OF THE MEASURES PROPOSED THEREIN.
(SLIGHT MODIFICATION OF TEXT MADE DURING ORAL READING.)

GROUP B REQUESTS THAT THIS STATEMENT BE INCLUDED
VERBATIM IN THE REPORT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP.
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